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2002 TO 2004

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MANITOBA DATA HIGHLIGHTS

Statistics Canada has revised all monthly/annual Labour Force Survey estimates for Canada and the provinces. The revisions cover the January 1976 to December 2004 period. The highlights below reflect this new information.

Manitoba recorded higher job growth in 2004 than in 2003. Total employment in the province averaged 576,000 persons, up 5,400 from the 2003 average of 570,600. The 2004 growth rate was 0.9%, up from 2003's growth rate of 0.6% (up 3,200 jobs). Overall, Manitoba employment growth ranked ninth in comparison to other provinces and was below Canada's gain of 1.8%.

In 2004, Manitoba had the second lowest average unemployment rate in the country at 5.3%. This rate is up from Manitoba's 2003 average of 5.0% but still appreciably lower than Canada's 2004 unemployment rate of 7.2%. Alberta at 4.6% had the lowest average rate for 2004. Only Manitoba and Prince Edward Island had higher unemployment rates in 2004 than they did in 2003.

Manitoba's youth unemployment rate for 2004 averaged 11.1%, the third lowest rate in the country and 2.3 percentage points lower than the national rate of 13.8%. Manitoba's youth rate has increased by 1.5 percentage points compared to last year following a 0.4 point decline from 2002 to 2003. The national rate has decreased by 0.2 percentage points during 2004.

All of Manitoba's gain in 2004 was in full-time jobs (up 6,800 or 1.5%), while part-time employment was down an estimated 1,400 jobs (-1.3%) over 2003 levels. Manitoba's performance in full-time job growth for 2004 ranks in ninth place provincially, and below the national full-time job growth rate of 2.4%.

Manitoba saw an employment gain of 900 persons in the goods producing industries during 2004, a growth rate of 0.7%. Employment in construction was up by 500 jobs, while other primary industries and manufacturing saw gains of 500 and 200 jobs respectively. Agriculture and utilities saw small decreases in employment of 200 and 100 jobs respectively.

The service-producing industries of Manitoba averaged 437,000 jobs in 2004, a 4,600 increase over the 2003 level. The education, health and social assistance industry accounted for an employment increase of 5,100 persons during 2004. The professional and administrative industry and public administration registered increases of 1,900 and 2,100 respectively during 2004. The finance, insurance, real estate and leasing industry employed an additional 800 persons in 2004, while the information, culture and recreation industry employed an additional 1,000 persons in 2004.

During 2004, there was a 4,900 job decrease in the accommodation and "other services" category which is essentially a catchall covering a wide range of miscellaneous service industries. This 4,900 decrease in 2004 offset the 5,300 increase during 2003. The transportation services industry was the only other service-producing industry to register a job loss in 2004, a loss of 1,500 persons. In 2004, the Manitoba service-producing industries employed 7,600 more people than in 2002.

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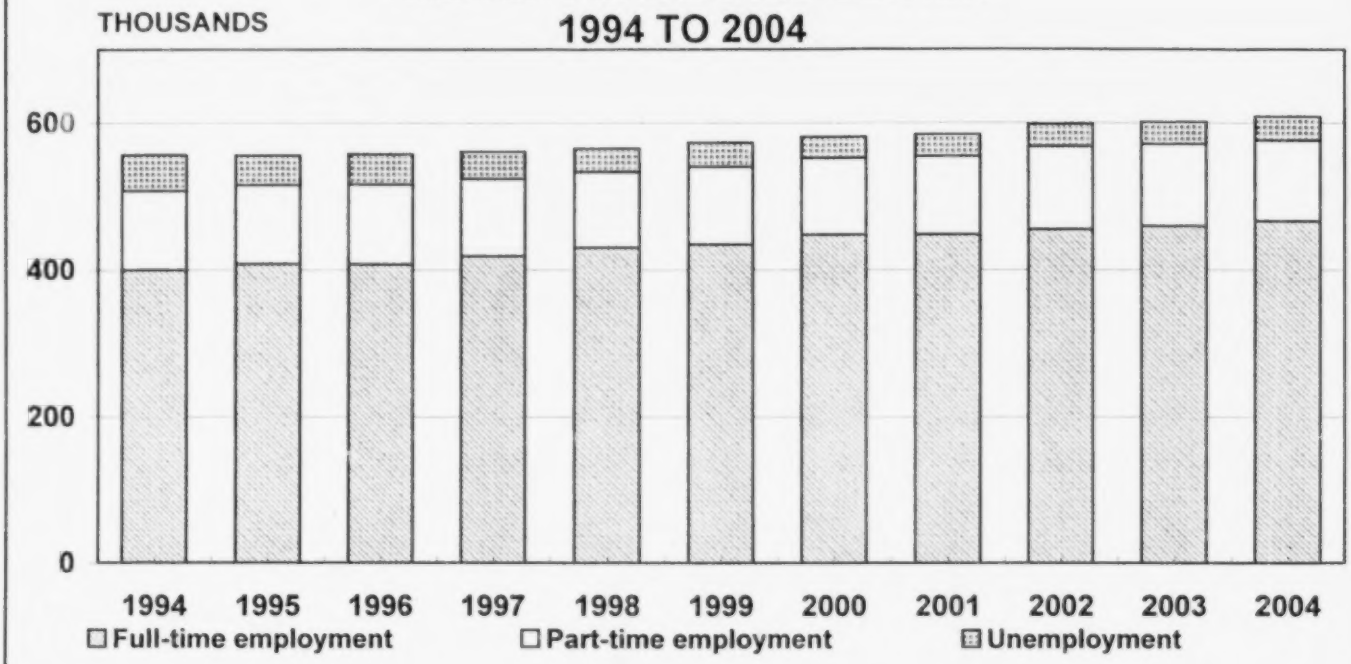

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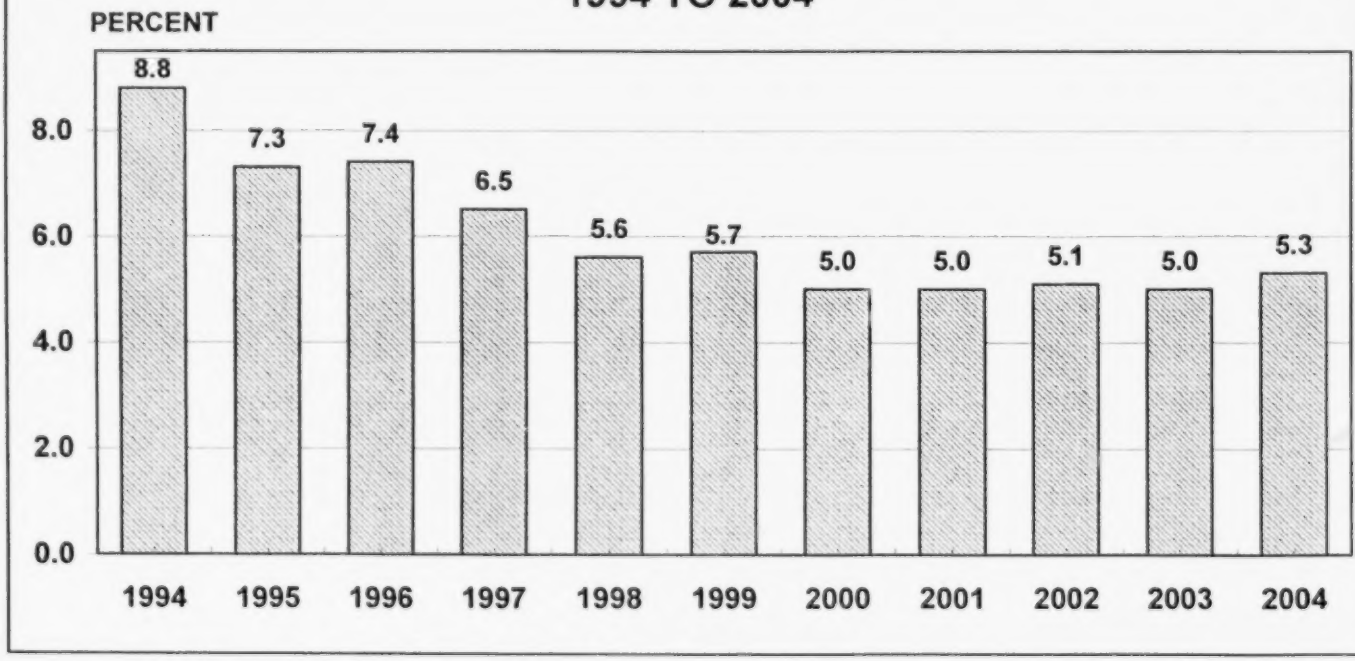

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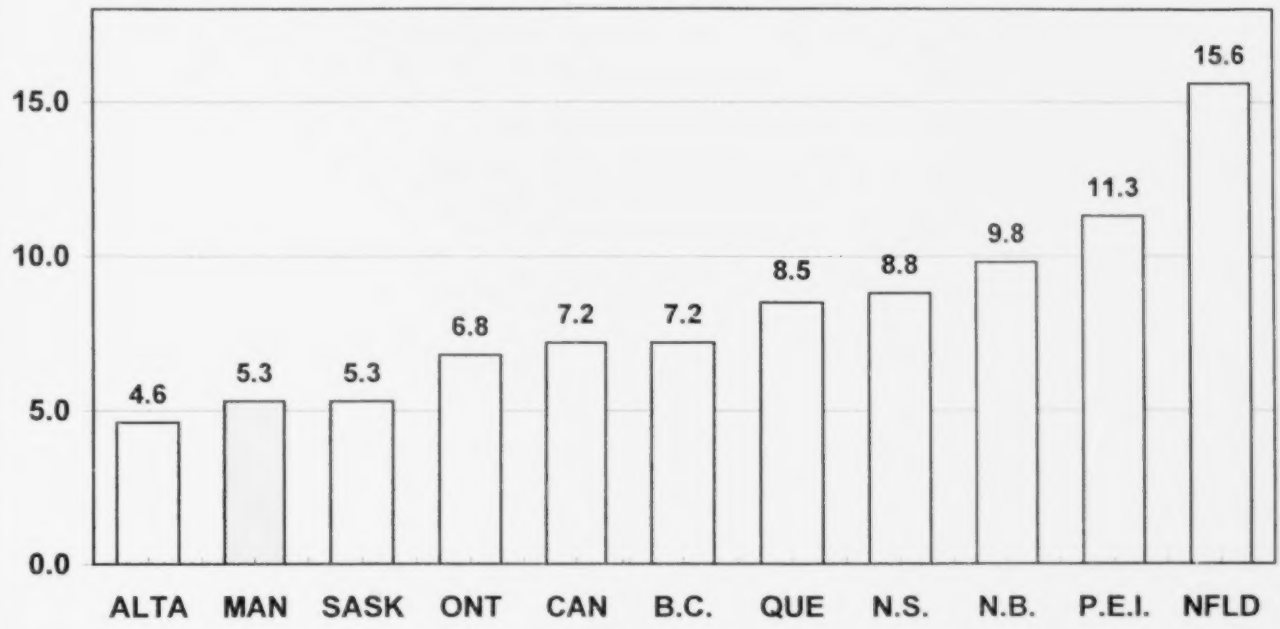

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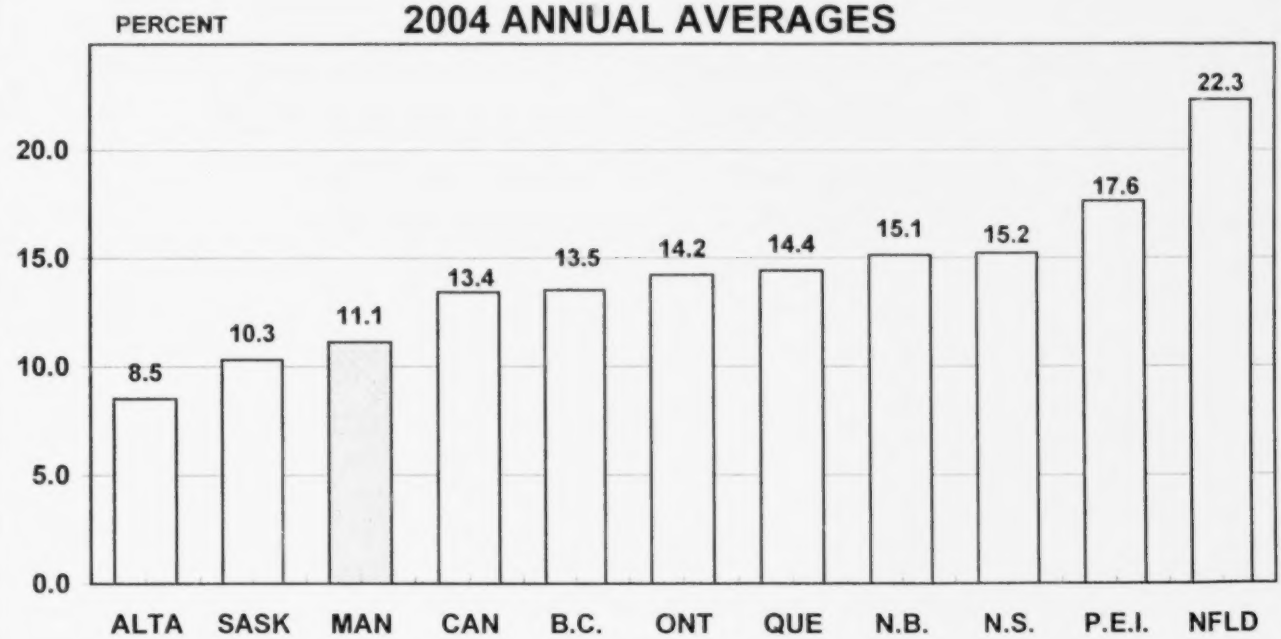

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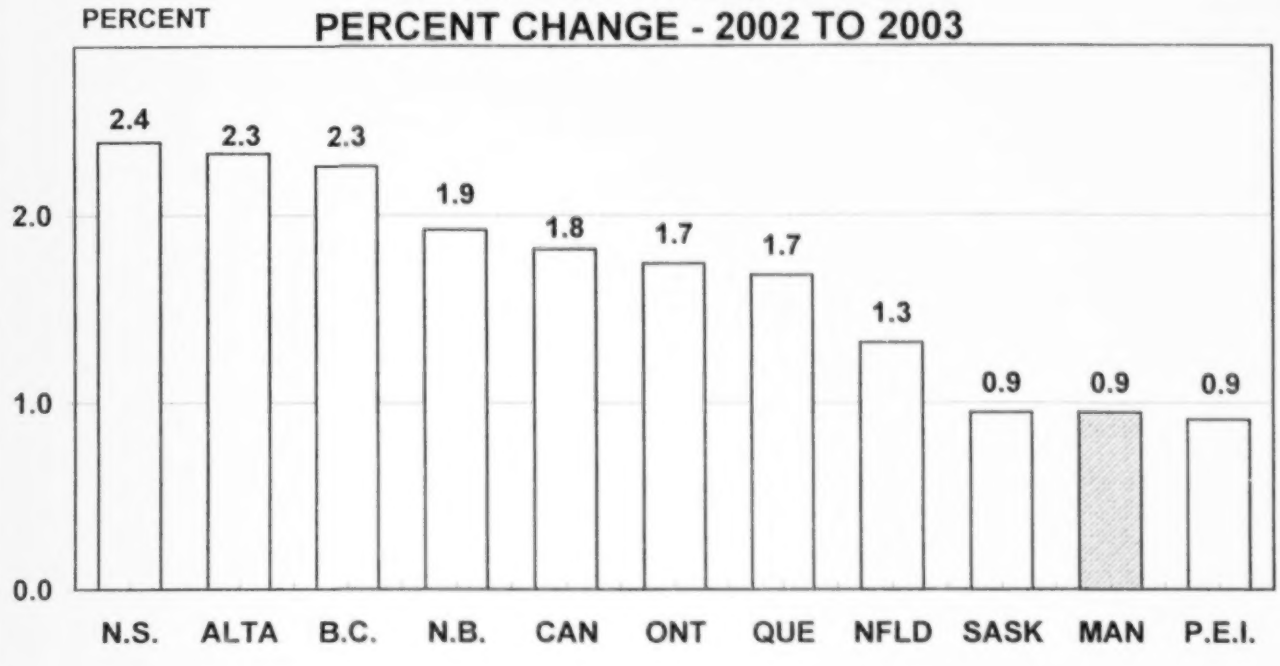

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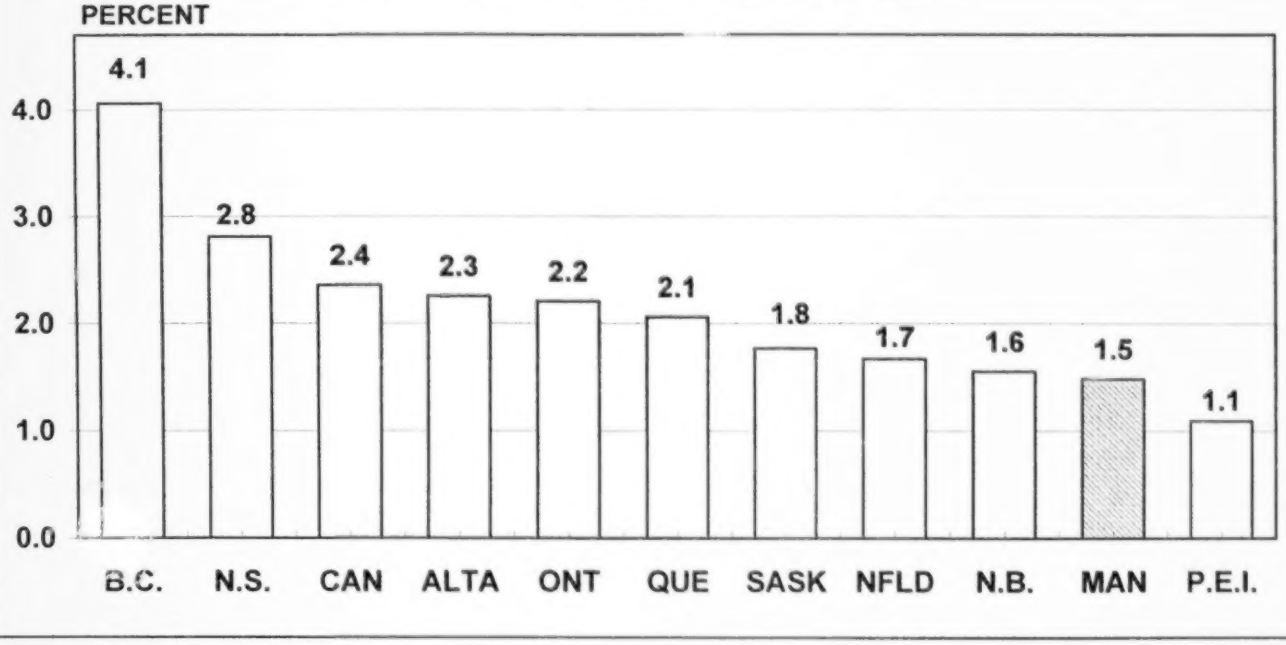

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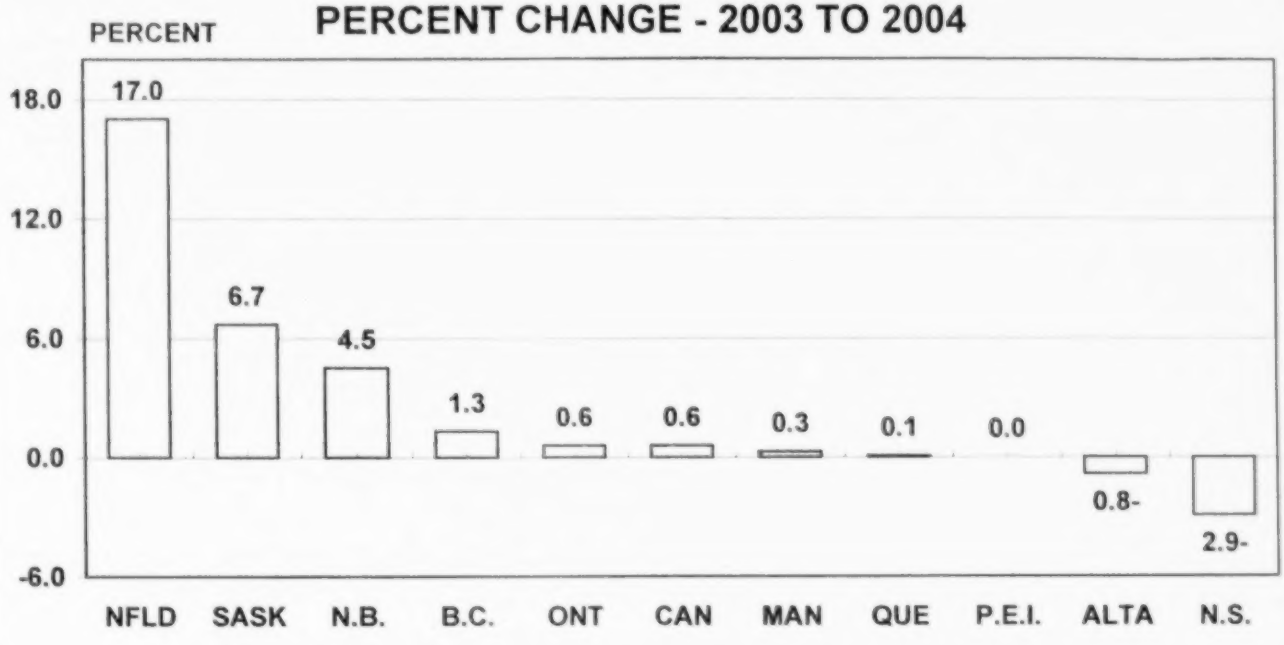

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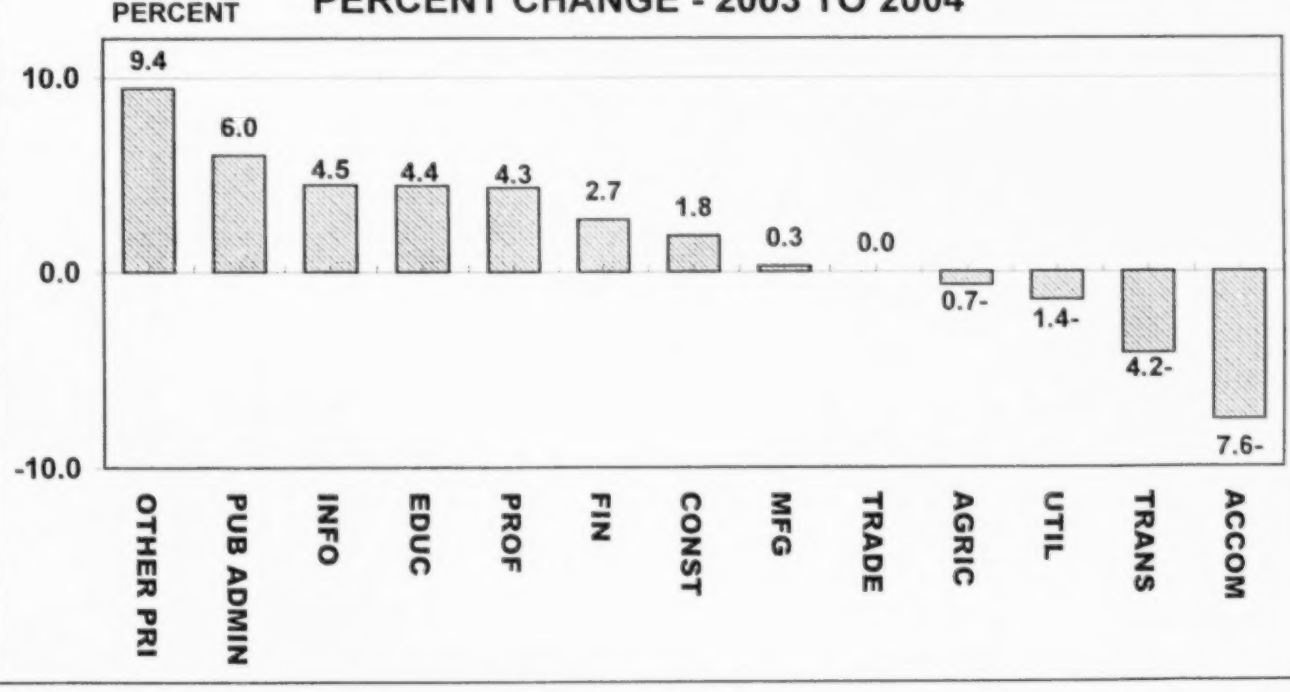

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TABLE 1: PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA			CANADA		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
POPULATION 15 +	866,500	873,600	881,400	24,797,200	25,103,300	25,432,700
NOT in LABOUR FORCE	268,800	273,100	273,200	8,217,100	8,149,300	8,249,200
LABOUR FORCE	597,700	600,400	608,200	16,580,100	16,954,000	17,183,400
EMPLOYMENT	567,400	570,600	576,000	15,307,900	15,665,100	15,949,700
PART TIME	112,900	111,800	110,400	2,870,900	2,963,900	2,949,500
MEN	33,400	34,500	34,100	896,400	924,100	921,300
WOMEN	79,500	77,300	76,400	1,974,400	2,039,800	2,028,200
FULL TIME	454,500	458,800	465,600	12,437,000	12,701,100	13,000,200
MEN	269,700	270,600	271,800	7,285,100	7,420,200	7,558,300
WOMEN	184,800	188,200	193,800	5,152,000	5,280,900	5,441,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	30,200	29,900	32,200	1,272,200	1,288,900	1,233,700
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	5.1	5.0	5.3	7.7	7.6	7.2
PARTICIPATION RATE	69.0	68.7	69.0	66.9	67.5	67.6

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 1 (CONTINUED): PRINCIPAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS, MANITOBA AND CANADA

	MANITOBA PERCENT CHANGE		CANADA PERCENT CHANGE	
	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004	2002 TO 2003	2003 TO 2004
POPULATION 15 +	0.8%	0.9%	1.2%	1.3%
NOT in LABOUR FORCE	1.6%	0.0%	-0.8%	1.2%
LABOUR FORCE	0.5%	1.3%	2.3%	1.4%
EMPLOYMENT	0.6%	0.9%	2.3%	1.8%
PART TIME	-1.0%	-1.3%	3.2%	-0.5%
MEN	3.3%	-1.2%	3.1%	-0.3%
WOMEN	-2.8%	-1.2%	3.3%	-0.6%
FULL TIME	0.9%	1.5%	2.1%	2.4%
MEN	0.3%	0.4%	1.9%	1.9%
WOMEN	1.8%	3.0%	2.5%	3.0%
UNEMPLOYMENT	-1.0%	7.7%	1.3%	-4.3%
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	-0.1pts	0.3pts	-0.1pts	-0.4pts
PARTICIPATION RATE	-0.3pts	0.3pts	0.6pts	0.1pts

DATA SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

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TABLE 2: UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	2002	2003	2004	CHANGE 2002 TO 2003	CHANGE 2003 TO 2004
MANITOBA	5.1	5.0	5.3	-0.1 pts.	0.3 pts.
CANADA	7.7	7.6	7.2	-0.1 pts.	-0.4 pts.
NEWFOUNDLAND	16.6	16.4	15.6	-0.2 pts.	-0.8 pts.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	12.0	11.0	11.3	-1.0 pts.	0.3 pts.
NOVA SCOTIA	9.6	9.1	8.8	-0.5 pts.	-0.3 pts.
NEW BRUNSWICK	10.2	10.3	9.8	0.1 pts.	-0.5 pts.
QUEBEC	8.7	9.2	8.5	0.5 pts.	-0.7 pts.
ONTARIO	7.1	7.0	6.8	-0.1 pts.	-0.2 pts.
SASKATCHEWAN	5.7	5.6	5.3	-0.1 pts.	-0.3 pts.
ALBERTA	5.3	5.1	4.6	-0.2 pts.	-0.5 pts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8.6	8.0	7.2	-0.6 pts.	-0.8 pts.
* MANITOBA RANK	1	1	2		

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*** Ranking is in ascending order from the lowest unemployment rate**

TABLE 3: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, CANADA AND PROVINCES

AGES 15 TO 24 YEARS

	2002	2003	2004	CHANGE 2002 TO 2003	CHANGE 2003 TO 2004
MANITOBA	10.0	9.6	11.1	-0.4 pts.	1.5 pts.
CANADA	13.6	13.6	13.4	0.0 pts.	-0.2 pts.
NEWFOUNDLAND	22.6	23.8	22.3	1.2 pts.	-1.5 pts.
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	15.4	14.6	17.6	-0.8 pts.	3.0 pts.
NOVA SCOTIA	18.0	15.9	15.2	-2.1 pts.	-0.7 pts.
NEW BRUNSWICK	15.3	16.4	15.1	1.1 pts.	-1.3 pts.
QUEBEC	13.6	14.2	14.4	0.6 pts.	0.2 pts.
ONTARIO	13.9	14.4	14.2	0.5 pts.	-0.2 pts.
SASKATCHEWAN	10.9	10.8	10.3	-0.1 pts.	-0.5 pts.
ALBERTA	10.7	9.2	8.5	-1.5 pts.	-0.7 pts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA	15.1	14.3	13.5	-0.8 pts.	-0.8 pts.
* MANITOBA RANK	1	2	3		

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TABLE 4: TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	2002	2003	2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2003 TO 2004
MANITOBA	567,400	570,600	576,000	0.6%	0.9%
CANADA	15,307,900	15,665,100	15,949,700	2.3%	1.8%
NEWFOUNDLAND	207,400	212,400	215,200	2.4%	1.3%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	64,600	66,100	66,700	2.3%	0.9%
NOVA SCOTIA	422,400	431,300	441,600	2.1%	2.4%
NEW BRUNSWICK	342,900	343,800	350,400	0.3%	1.9%
QUEBEC	3,568,000	3,625,100	3,685,900	1.6%	1.7%
ONTARIO	6,035,200	6,208,300	6,316,300	2.9%	1.7%
SASKATCHEWAN	468,300	475,400	479,900	1.5%	0.9%
ALBERTA	1,671,500	1,717,900	1,757,900	2.8%	2.3%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,960,100	2,014,200	2,059,700	2.8%	2.3%
* MANITOBA RANK				9	9

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TABLE 5: FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT, CANADA AND PROVINCES

	2002	2003	2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2003 TO 2004
MANITOBA	454,500	458,800	465,600	0.9%	1.5%
CANADA	12,437,000	12,701,100	13,000,200	2.1%	2.4%
NEWFOUNDLAND	174,600	180,000	183,000	3.1%	1.7%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	54,100	55,000	55,600	1.7%	1.1%
NOVA SCOTIA	342,600	348,800	358,600	1.8%	2.8%
NEW BRUNSWICK	288,800	290,300	294,800	0.5%	1.6%
QUEBEC	2,928,800	2,955,400	3,016,200	0.9%	2.1%
ONTARIO	4,932,800	5,060,000	5,171,500	2.6%	2.2%
SASKATCHEWAN	373,400	379,600	386,300	1.7%	1.8%
ALBERTA	1,374,400	1,408,400	1,440,100	2.5%	2.3%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1,513,200	1,565,000	1,628,500	3.4%	4.1%
* MANITOBA RANK				8	9

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TABLE 6: MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT BY PROVINCE

	2002	2003	2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2003 TO 2004
MANITOBA	69,200	68,900	69,100	-0.4%	0.3%
CANADA	2,291,000	2,283,400	2,297,000	-0.3%	0.6%
NEWFOUNDLAND	16,200	14,700	17,200	-9.3%	17.0%
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	5,800	6,200	6,200	6.9%	0.0%
NOVA SCOTIA	43,400	44,500	43,200	2.5%	-2.9%
NEW BRUNSWICK	38,100	39,900	41,700	4.7%	4.5%
QUEBEC	650,500	628,800	629,300	-3.3%	0.1%
ONTARIO	1,097,100	1,102,400	1,109,000	0.5%	0.6%
SASKATCHEWAN	28,500	26,900	28,700	-5.6%	6.7%
ALBERTA	145,800	145,300	144,100	-0.3%	-0.8%
BRITISH COLUMBIA	196,400	205,700	208,400	4.7%	1.3%
* MANITOBA RANK				7	6

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TABLE 7: MANITOBA TOTAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	2002	2003	2004	PERCENT CHANGE 2002 TO 2003	PERCENT CHANGE 2003 TO 2004
AGRICULTURE	30,700	29,800	29,600	-2.9%	-0.7%
OTHER PRIMARY (1)	6,100	5,300	5,800	-13.1%	9.4%
UTILITIES	6,400	7,000	6,900	9.4%	-1.4%
CONSTRUCTION	25,600	27,100	27,600	5.9%	1.8%
MANUFACTURING	69,200	68,900	69,100	-0.4%	0.3%
TRADE	86,900	85,200	85,200	-2.0%	0.0%
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	36,200	36,000	34,500	-0.6%	-4.2%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE & LEASING	30,600	29,800	30,600	-2.6%	2.7%
PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	42,700	44,000	45,900	3.0%	4.3%
EDUCATION & HEALTH SERVICES	114,300	115,400	120,500	1.0%	4.4%
INFORMATION, CULTURE & RECREATION	24,000	22,400	23,400	-6.7%	4.5%
ACCOMMODATION & OTHER SERVICES	59,400	64,700	59,800	8.9%	-7.6%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	35,200	35,000	37,100	-0.6%	6.0%
TOTAL: GOODS PRODUCING	138,000	138,100	139,000	0.1%	0.7%
TOTAL: SERVICE PRODUCING	429,400	432,400	437,000	0.7%	1.1%
TOTAL: ALL INDUSTRIES	567,400	570,600	576,000	0.6%	0.9%

(1) Includes Forestry, Fishing and Mining.

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